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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 25,
1974:

QUOTE: MR. KING: WE HAVE BEEN ASKED LAST NIGHT AND AGAIN
THIS MORNING WHY THE UNITED STATES VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTION
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH CONDEMNED ISRAEL BUT DID NOT
EXPLICITLY CONDEMN LEBANON OR THE ARAB TERRORISTS FOR THE
QUIRYAT SHMONA MASSACRE.

I HAVE A STATEMENT I WOULD LIKE TO GET INTO THE RECORD.

WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO QUIRYAT
SHMONA WHICH IS THE REASON THAT AMBASSADOR SCALI INTRODUCED
THE AMENDMENT HE DID, WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD A REFERENCE TO
THE MASSACRE.

HOWEVER, EVEN WITHOUT REFERENCE TO IT, WE CONCLUDED THAT
THE RESOLUTION WAS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT CONDEMNS EQUALLY
THE ISRAELI REPRISAL AND ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE, ESPECIALLY
THOSE RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN LIVES,

WHICH COVERS THE WANTON AND CRIMINAL MASSACRE AT THE
VILLAGE OF QUIRYAT SHMONA.

MOREOVER, BY WAY OF FURTHER EXPLANATION OF OUR ACTION LAST
NIGHT, THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS APPROVED WITH OUR SUPPORT,
EXPLICITLY CALLS FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT THEIR
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER AND UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW
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GENERALLY. AND THE ORGANIZATION OF ATTACKS ON THE TERRI-
TORY OF ONE COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER IS, AS YOU KNOW,
CONTRARY TO BOTH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE TERMS OF THE
CHARTER.

FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ATTACHED PARTICULAR
IMPORTANCE TO GETTING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE LAST PARA-
GRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH CALLED ON ALL PARTIES TO

AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

WE BELIEVE THAT, IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S IMMINENT TRIP TO THE AREA, THAT THIS IS A USEFUL REMINDER TO ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEED TO AVOID VIOLENCE OR MILITARY ACTION OF ANY KIND THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE OUR PEACE EFFORTS.

Q. HAS THERE BEEN ANY RESPONSE OR REACTION FROM ISRAEL TO THE U.S. DECISION TO SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION?

A. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO.

Q. THERE'S A STORY IN THE POST THIS MORNING WHICH SAYS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD APPROVED THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH PASSED WHEN HE MET WITH THE LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER LAST FRIDAY BUT THAT MR. SCALI ONLY INTRODUCED HIS RESOLUTION AT THE LAST MINUTE BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM JEWISH GROUPS.

A. I DIDN'T SEE THE STORY.

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT I SAID?

A. I COULDN'T COMMENT ON THAT.

Q. ANYTHING ON THE SECRETARY'S TRIP?

A. THE UNITED STATES AND THE USSR HAVE AGREED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, HENRY A. KISSINGER, AND ANDRE GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO AND USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, WILL MEET ON APRIL 28 AND 29 IN
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GENEVA.

DURING THE MEETING, DR. KISSINGER AND MR. GROMYKO WILL CONTINUE THEIR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE SOVIET UNION.

AS YOU KNOW, IT'S DEPARTURE SUNDAY AT ABOUT 8:30 A.M. FROM ANDREWS.

ARRIVES GENEVA THAT EVENING. DEPARTS GENEVA LATE APRIL 29, WHICH I BELIEVE IS MONDAY, FOR ALGIERS. ALGIERS TO CAIRO. THEN TEL AVIV. THE NEXT STOP IS DAMASCUS.

Q. NOT JERUSALEM BUT TEL AVIV?

A. I HAVE TEL AVIV, RIGHT.

Q. WHEN DOES HE MEET WITH SADAT?

A. WHILE HE'S IN CAIRO.

Q. THE ORIGINAL STORY THAT CAME OUT OF THERE SAID HE WOULD MEET IN ALEXANDRIA. IS CAIRO FIRM?

A. QUITE SERIOUSLY, I CAN'T SAY. I WASN'T AWARE THERE WAS A STORY HE WOULD GO TO ALEXANDRIA. I WOULDN'T EXCLUDE THAT. I DON'T KNOW.

Q. DOES HE PLAN TO VISIT ANY OTHER COUNTRIES ON THIS SAME TRIP? LIKE KUWAIT, LIKE SAUDI ARABIA/

A. CAN'T SAY YET.

Q. IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THE UNITED STATES HAS EGER APPROVED A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION THAT SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED ISRAEL WITH ONLY A GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE TERRORISM?

A. I DON'T THINK SO, BUT I'LL CHECK THAT.

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Q. ON THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL SCHEDULE, IS HE PREPARED TO MAKE MORE THAN ONE STOP EACH IN JERUSALEM OR TEL AVIV AND DAMASCUS, OR IS HE GOING WITH SOME SORT OF EXPECTATION THAT HE WILL ONLY HAVE TO GO TO EACH OF THOSE PLACES ONCE?

A. OH, I THINK I WOULD GUIDE YOU AWAY FROM THAT KIND OF SPECULATION. THE TRUNCATED VERSION OF THE ITINERARY I'VE GIVEN YOU HERE REALLY REFLECTS THE FEELING THAT WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SEE HOW NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED. AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO LOOK BEYOND THE FIRST CUT AT IT, IF YOU WILL,

AND, THEREFORE, WE'RE BEING A LITTLE RESERVED ABOUT WHAT WE THINK COMES NEXT.

Q. DO YOU KNOW IF MRS. KISSINGER IS GOING ON THE TRIP?

A. YES, SHE IS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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